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NEW SOLICITOR FOR FERC

Chairman James J. Hoecker and General Counsel Douglas W. Smith of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission today announced the appointment of Dennis Lane as Solicitor of the Commission. Mr. Lane is a seasoned appellate advocate who has been a partner with the Washington law firm of Morrison & Hecker since February 1993.

Mr. Lane comes to the Commission staff with extensive experience litigating energy and telecommunications matters in the federal courts, often on behalf of state public service commissions. For example, he represented the New Hampshire Public Utility Commission against challenges to New Hampshire's electricity restructuring law and implementation.

Chairman Hoecker commented, "We are placing the fate of our cases on appeal in Dennis Lane's hands because he is a top-notch advocate who also knows the Commission and its issues. I am confident that, as Solicitor, Dennis will lead our appellate staff to even greater successes. I welcome him to the Commission."

Prior to joining Morrison & Hecker, Mr. Lane was a partner with two other Washington law firms—Holland & Knight and Wilner & Scheiner. He began his career as a trial attorney in the Pipeline and Electric Rate Section of the Federal Power Commission's Office of the General Counsel, from 1975-1977.

Mr. Lane is a graduate of the College of the Holy Cross and Northeastern University School of Law. He replaces Jay Witkin, who retired.

